GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Export of Seeds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a scheme to promote the export of seeds to increase the income of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to increase the income of the farmers and production of high quality seeds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. India has joined Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Seeds schemes in October, 2008. OECD Seed Certification Scheme provides an international framework for certification of seeds for export purpose with fewer hurdles. India is participating in five seed schemes i.e. Cereals, Maize & Sorghum, Crucifers & Oil or fiber species, Grasses & Legumes and Vegetables. The scheme is implemented through ten Designated Authorities viz. Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

(c): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare implements various schemes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP) − National Mission on Agriculture Extension & Technology (NMAET); National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP); Soil Health Card; Soil Health Management Schemes and other Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes to provide assistance to farmers for the production of high quality seed in the country.

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